


Commissioner Noting Report	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Corporate Director – Education, Social Care and Wellbeing	Classification: Unrestricted

Originating Officer(s)	Dorne Kanareck, Service Head, ESCW
Wards affected	LAP3-Whitechapel LAP4-Shadwell
Key Decision?	
Community Plan Theme	A Prosperous Community A Safe and Cohesive Community A Healthy and Supportive Community One Tower Hamlets. Children and Families Plan 2012-2015 Family Well Being Model

At the Commissioners' meeting on Wednesday, 16 June, to consider the continuing funding to Mainstream Grants projects, Commissioners asked for further details in the explanation of the varied RAG ratings for Jagonari Women's Educational Resource Centre.

Overview of organisation

Jagonari states in its constitution that is committed to promoting race relations between racial groups, equal opportunities for women, and using Jagonari Centre to provide facilities for recreational, educational, religious and cultural activities which will improve the social conditions of women - and their families - particularly Black and Minority Ethnic women living or working in Greater London.

Mainstream Grants Funding January 2013 – March 2015 – Children and Young People

Jagonari was approved for funding from 4 budget streams as follows:

Budget stream	Project Name	Total Award	RAG Rating
Children and Families	Special Times	£22,500	Red
Early Years	Jagonari Playhouse	£60,000	Green
Early Years	Wapping Playzone	£23,145	Green
Community languages	Wapping Creative Bangla Project	£6,250	Red

All funding for the projects have been fully paid, based on receipt of satisfactory quarterly monitoring reports which were desk assessed and visits carried out by various programme officers.

Monitoring

Reports to the Corporate Grants Programme Board have RAGGED each project independently on the basis of their performance in preceding quarters against the service standards and targets for each of the budget areas.

The ***Special Times*** project has ceased as a result of match funding coming to an end which meant the organisation was unable to continue to deliver this project. The organisation informed us of this after original decisions relating to extensions were made. They have therefore not received any funding for this financial year. This project has therefore been rated Red. There are no actions underway to ensure improvements, as the project has ended.

Jagonari Playhouse and ***Wapping Playzone*** projects, early years' provision are of a good standard and both projects have been rated Green accordingly and continue to be monitored closely by the Early Years' service in the Learning & Achievement.

The ***Wapping Creative Bangla Project***; Community Languages was ragged red as of a result of being unable to evidence delivery. The organisation will therefore not be receiving funding for this quarter, due non-performance.

The Council is aware of the current issues relating to the lease of the Jagonari Centre, which relate to non-payment of rent over a period of time (for premises which are not Council premises). Officers are monitoring the situation closely to ensure this does not impact on service delivery or service users using Jagonari Playhouse and Wapping Playzone, which are the two projects the organisation is continuing to run through Council funding.